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KAL-TEC Kick-off A Success, Classes Start 4/14
Close to 500 Learn About Community Training, Education Initiative

KALKASKA, MI --- Close to 500 Kalkaska area residents and their families participated in the KAL-TEC Community Kick-off held Saturday, April 8 at the Kaliseum. The four-hour event featured KAL-TEC training information and demonstrations along with family activities, entertainment and door prizes, including a laptop computer won by John Buck of Rapid City. More than 65 participants registered for classes with more anticipated during the upcoming week.

KAL-TEC is a new Kalkaska-based education initiative that focuses on training, employment and community. The first program of its kind in the state, KAL-TEC will offer hands-on training, technical updates, educational courses, business introductions and skill development at locations throughout Kalkaska County.

"It was a great day. People were eager to register for classes, and many arrived before opening. Starting your own Business, Using a Computer, and Basic Health Care classes were very popular courses," said Annie Shetler, Community Outreach Specialist with KAL-TEC.

"We also surveyed everyone for their interests and needs, as well as the best times, locations and trainings that work for them," Shetler added. "Our first classes start next week, but new ones will be added every few months. And, they will be courses that are relevant to our residents and their needs."

Classes begin April 14 at the Kalkaska Michigan WORKS! Center, 103 Third Street. Information, course offerings and registration forms are available on-line at www.KAL-TEC.org and at the Michigan Works! office. Participation is open to all area adults. Scholarships, discounts and financial assistance are available.

"This is a program for our Kalkaska community...and the entire county is our classroom," Shetler said. "This is just the beginning. The potential is enormous."

Led by local employers, educators and government, KAL-TEC was created to increase employment opportunities and strengthen the community through education.



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